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# Family calls release 'monumental'

**MURDER CASE** 

#### Loved ones of Tanya Brooks receive her last remains



Vanessa Brooks paused to take a breath and blink away tears as she faced a row of cameras, the shutter of photos clicking in the police office.

Exactly eight years to the hour after her older sister Tanya's body was found, Brooks spoke about the relief their family felt this week when the last part of Tanya's remains were released to them on Wednesday after being held as part of the investigation.

"Why so long? Well, I would never want her to come home. and I know our mother would never want her to come home, if it was going to be at the integrity of the investigation," Brooks said Thursday at the Halifax Regional Police office.

The family held a smudging ceremony with the investigators and Medical Examiner to honour 36-year-old Tanya, Vanessa said, adding that it's especially important in Mi'kmaq culture for the body to be whole for a spirit to rest.

Brooks said although they had cremated Tanya's remains, they were waiting for her brain to be released to have a graveside burial and internment, which their mother Connie had wanted. She



Vanessa Brooks pauses as she addresses the media on the eighth anniversary of the murder of her sister on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS Inset: People hold photos of Tanya Brooks at Tuesday's march. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Tanya will be buried alongside their mother according to Connie's last wish, Brooks said, in a traditional ceremony with

Tanya as a very generous person who was "strong and stubborn" and very talented artist -

amongst family members during the press conference.

After waiting so long, Brooks

passed away in the fall of 2015. Mi'kmaq elders and drummers. a talent Tanya passed onto her said it felt like "winning the lot-Brooks said she remembers 15-year-old son Qualin, who sat tery" to get the call they could finally bring Tanya home.

"I don't think there's any way that can possibly articulate just

#### INVESTIGATION

Tanya Brooks, an Indigenous mother of five, was murdered and left in a trench on the side of St. Patrick's-Alexandra School on May 11, 2009.

how monumental this is ... to our family," she said.

"Hopefully it doesn't take another eight or 10 years to finally have this ecstatic moment to stand before you guys, because the next moment I hope to have is that we have somebody in custody."

Brooks said although this moment felt long overdue, as any family would not want to wait eight years to bury their loved one, she understands investigators needed this time to navigate the case and "no murder is the same."

The Halifax police force has been especially helpful to their family, Brooks said, and added that Victim's Services were vital in helping bring the major players together in the system to bring about the release of Tanya's remains.

Perseverance, dedication, and desire have kept the family going and hoping for an eventual conviction in Tanya's death, Brooks said.

"If I can stand here before all of you, and have to carry the torch on after our mother has passed, I can only hope that somebody will be just as equally courageous and watch the strength that it takes to come forward," Brooks said.





# Witness testifies victim's body was slumped in chair

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#### Sandeson trial jury hears pints of blood were all over the floor

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Zane Woodford Metro | Halifax

A witness in William Sandeson's first-degree murder trial told the jury he saw a bleeding man slouched over in a chair and pools of blood in Sandeson's apartment the night Taylor Samson was last seen.

Sandeson, 24, is accused of killing Samson, 22, that night, Aug. 15, 2015. Samson's remains have never been found.

The jury heard from Justin Blades in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Thursday, the second witness to describe what he saw in Sandeson's apartment that night after the jury heard from Pookiel McCabe earlier this week.

Blades told the jury he was hanging out drinking with Mc-Cabe in his apartment across the hall from Sandeson's when he heard a "loud bang, real loud."

Sandeson then knocked at the apartment door. Blades opened it, and then followed him across the hallway with McCabe behind him, stopping at the doorway.

"As soon as he went through the door, you could see the scene," Blades said.

"A gentleman slouched over in a chair, pints and pints of blood on the floor, bloody money, drugs, and the gentleman was still actively bleeding from his head."



Taylor Samson and William Sandeson walk down the hallway to Sandeson's apartment in a screen shot of his own surveillance video, shown to the jury in his first-degree murder trial this month.



You don't expect the nicest, most-educated, one of the better people in the group to do something like that. Justin Blades

Later in his testimony, Blades said, "just based on the blood," the man in the chair "had bled out for sure, he was done."

Blades said Sandeson was "running around" the apartment "in panic mode," picking up bloody money off the floor and speaking gibberish.

After going back across the hall for a few minutes, Blades said he and McCabe decided they wanted to get out, to go to the party they'd been predrinking for.

Before they left, Blades and McCabe went across the hall again, and looked into Sandeson's apartment a second time.

It was a similar scene, Blades said, but one thing had changed.

man wasn't in the chair," Blades said. "There were streak marks on the floor."

All he could make out of what Sandeson was saying as he ran around the apartment was, "I gotta clean up."

Blades said Sandeson then asked him to bring his car around, and he said "no f-ing way."

Blades gave a statement to police a few days later, and told them he'd seen nothing that night.

More than a year later, in October 2016, he went to police to tell them what he saw.

Blades said he's constantly "I'm pretty sure the gentle- playing the scene out in his head, trying to suppress his memories, while hearing gossip about the case whether he's at

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The trial is expected to resume Monday morning.

Sobeys or his workplace.

"It follows you like a plague, man," he said.

Asked why he didn't tell police what he saw the first time he was interviewed, Blades said he was scared for his life, believing Sandeson was involved in organized crime because of things Sandeson told him about "things he's done."

On cross-examination, the defence challenged Blades on discrepancies between his statement to police in October 2016 and his testimony in court.

Defence lawyer Eugene Tan said Blades told police he didn't think Sandeson was the shooter.

In court, Blades said he hadn't seen a gun, or Sandeson shooting someone, so he just didn't know.

"There is some testimony that, when you take it bit by bit, then yes it does sounds somewhat damning, but there are some very big holes there," Tan said after court.

Tan said he'd be calling evidence to fill in such holes after the Crown's case is finished, but he couldn't yet say whether Sandeson would take the stand.

The jury also heard testimony from Nicholas Rotta-Loria, who lived with Sandeson's brother Adam in August 2015. He said after finding out there was a large quantity of marijuana stashed in the basement of his home, he turned it into police with the help of a lawyer.

## Pair facing charges in lottery theft



A man and woman have been charged relating to the stealing of lottery tickets and then cashing in the winnings.

Police allege lottery tickets were stolen from a convenience store on St. Margarets Bay Road and later found inside a taxi where two people were arrested.

Police allege the pair are now linked to 11 other similar cases.

Dwayne Kenneth Wright, 34, of Dartmouth is facing nine counts of theft under \$5,000, 11 counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, three counts of fraud and 53 breaches of his probation.

Haley Anne Margaret Jonson of Halifax, 23, is charged with six counts of theft under \$5,000, eight counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, three counts of fraud and 36 breaches of her probation.

### Police seek robbery suspect

A man holding a knife and wearing rubber boots is wanted after robbing a Nova Scotia gas station.

Police say around 4 a.m. Thursday, a man walked into a station on Starrs Road in Yarmouth, brandished a knife and demanded money from the clerk.

The suspect fled with some cash and no one was hurt.

The suspect is described as a male, between five-foot-seven and five-foot-10 with a slim build. Besides the rubber boots, he was also wearing a navy hooded sweatshirt and jeans. METRO







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# Hundreds using bike lanes: HCC

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Advocate says cycling data counteracts negative voices



Haley Ryan Metro | Halifax

Halifax cycling advocates are happy to let the data speak for itself when it comes to debating the effectiveness of protected bike lanes.

On Thursday, the Halifax Cycling Coalition (HCC) released numbers from three bike lanes where there are counters to show how many people are using the lanes — with special emphasis on University Avenue's pilot lane where some of the lane's plastic posts in front of the Dalhousie Arts Centre were removed by HRM citing complaints and traffic congestion.

Kelsey Lane, HCC executive

director, said their group filed a Freedom of Information Request with the municipality this April, and found out 117 complaints had been filed between installation last fall and December 2016.

However, Lane said the ECO-Counters on University show 159 people are biking down the protected strip on a weekday, with 137 even in Monday's rain.

Wednesday's numbers were even higher, with 201 people being counted.

"Those numbers are great because they counteract some of the negative voices that we've heard from people who aren't as supportive of the bicycle lane," Lane said Thursday.

"Part of the problem with municipal politics is you always hear the loudest voices that are opposing a project, but really if you look at the data and you look at how ... useful it is to residents, the numbers speak for themselves."

Lane said it's great to see such high numbers in a time when most students have left campus, and she's excited to see how they rise even more in September.

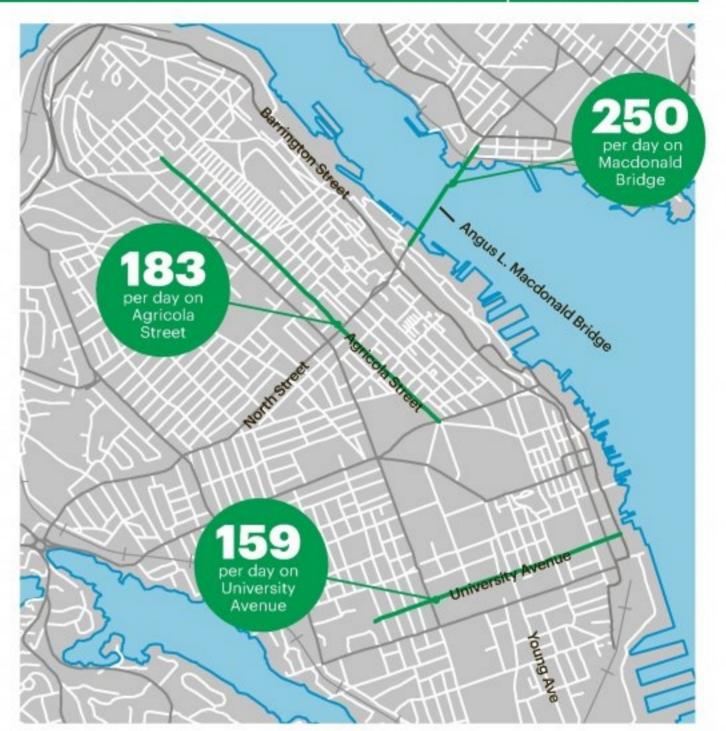
The high May numbers likely mean ordinary residents working in the hospitals or going to the farmer's markets are using the lane, Lane added.

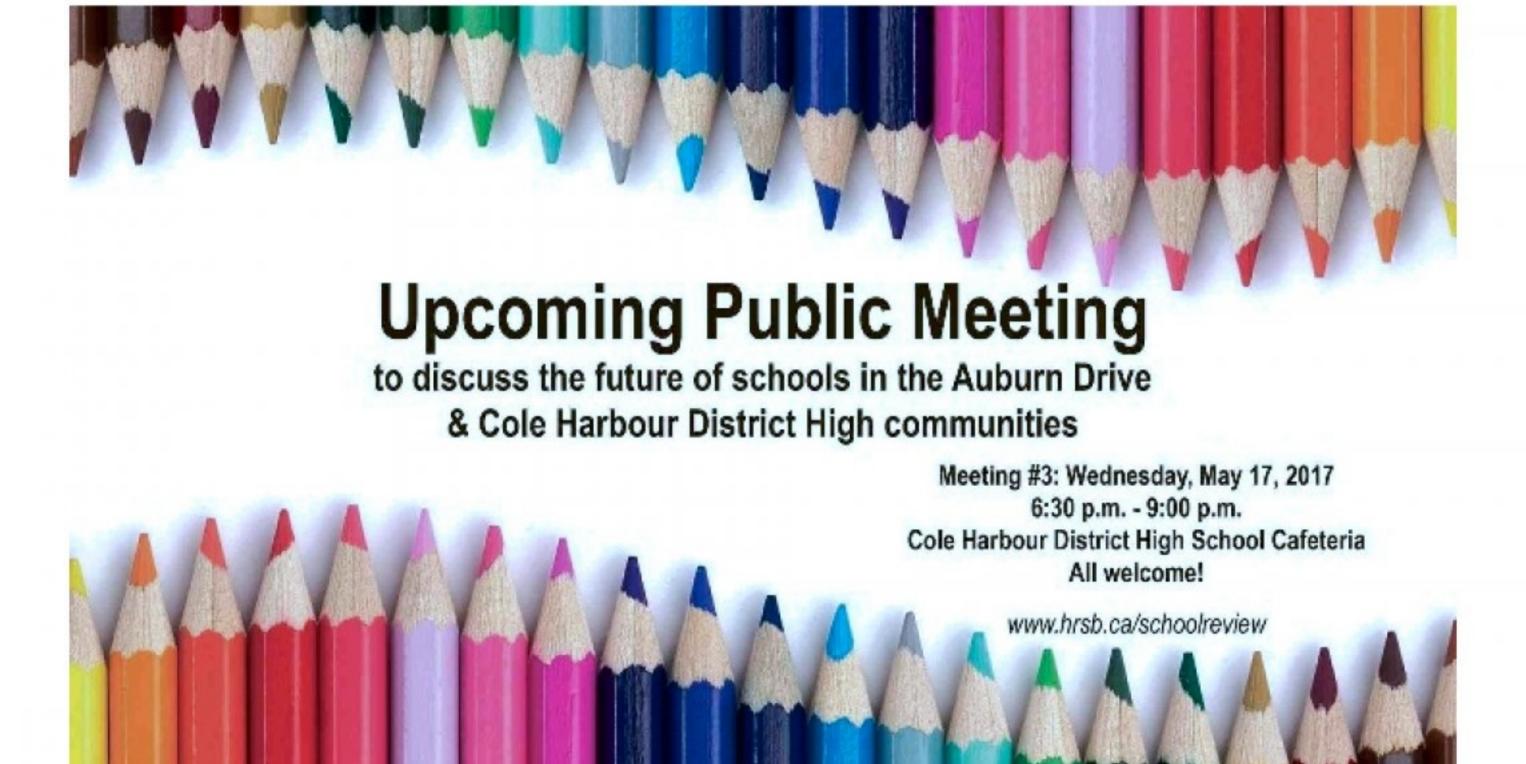
The example shows the continued importance and need for more cycling data, Lane said, in light of the two counters on University and Agricola Street compared to more than 30 for cars.

"It's important that we are also measuring the other modes so that it's on par and it's a level playing field," said Lane.

### MAPPED | This graphic shows

three areas of cycling
data from the Halifax
Cycling Coalition.
Agricola Street (last
summer) and University
Avenue (this spring)
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# Baillie unveils PC's 'optimistic' plan

### Platform will focus mainly on economy growth and creating jobs

Nova Scotia's Progressive Conservatives have released an election platform promising millions in spending commitments along with balanced budgets an "optimistic" plan the party says will spur economic growth and improve the bottom line for families and businesses.

Flanked by Halifax-area Tory candidates Thursday, Jamie Baillie became the first party leader to officially unveil a platform for the May 30 provincial vote.

"When it comes right down to it, the Progressive Conservative vision is about jobs good, long-lasting, reliable jobs," Baillie told party sup-

"We can be a province where government stops reaching deeper into your pocketbooks and starts actually reducing the cost of living for Nova Scotia families."

The spending in the platform document is in addition to a \$1 billion, 10-year capital plan announced earlier in the campaign, something Baillie has said would put 10,000 people to work.

Party officials told reporters the platform commitments build on last month's Liberal budget and would avoid deficits, although they weren't en-



Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative leader Jamie Baillie talks with reporters after releasing his party platform during a campaign stop in Halifax on Thursday. The provincial election is on Tuesday, May 30. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

tirely specific on what budget items would be reduced to keep the books balanced.

They first told reporters the cost over four years was \$648.9 million - but later called to say the actual cost was \$168.9 million. The resulting confusion gave Premier Stephen Mc-Neil an opportunity he was only too glad to seize.

"He (Baillie) clearly said he was going to keep commitments that we put out - some not all - which ones is he not going to keep?" said McNeil.

"They don't even know what the numbers are in their own platform and they won't answer the question: Where's the funding coming from?"

Baillie told reporters savings would be found through such measures as trimming administrative waste in the health system and by repealing the Liberal bill that imposed a wage settlement on teachers. He said that would save millions in legal costs through potential legal challenges.

He also said he would find

why our platform stresses job creation. I'm not interested in

savings by negotiating a better deal to fund the Yarmouth to Portland, Maine, ferry.

Baillie added the balancedbooks promise wouldn't fall victim to a new Tory government pleading ignorance over the true state of the province's finances.

"I go through the budget every year, I think, in as much detail as anybody. I will tell you this. I will never use that sad old excuse that I didn't know the state of the books after we got in."

#### PROMISES

Key promises made by Baillie and the PCs include a plan that would see businesses earn their way to a 10 per cent tax rate through creating jobs, and a pledge to maintain a Liberal promise to raise the basic personal exemption for those earning below \$75,000, resulting in a tax cut for 500,000 Nova Scotians.

Jamie Baillie also said a Progressive Conservative government would not impose a carbon tax and would freeze the cost share ratio for seniors' pharmacare. On the education front, he said the Tories would use the \$20 million the Liberals set aside for classroom investments to immediately hire more educational assistants and to put hard caps on class size.

The party is also promising a new deal with universities to get tuition back down to the national average. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baillie was equally adamant when asked whether jobs or departmental cuts are in the offing, saying "there's been enough cutting."

"Those are actual services like health and education, like mental health that are important to me," he said.

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I want to create jobs and that's those kinds of things (cuts)."

PC leader Jamie Baillie



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# NDP pledges funds for mental health

#### Liberals talk tourism during Cape **Breton stop**

The NDP said Thursday it would double the funding for a mental health strategy and cut wait times in half for people who are waiting up to a year to get care.

Leader Gary Burrill made the announcement outside one of Halifax's largest health care centres, saying his party would spend \$49.5 million over four years to improve access to communitybased mental health care.

Of that, \$21.5 million would go to a second mental health strategy that picks up where the previous NDP government left off. Burrill said he would also spend \$25 million on three pilot mental health hubs in emergency



NDP Leader Gary Burrill METRO FILE PHOTO

rooms to speed up access to care and alleviate overcrowded emergencies. Those would be located in Halifax, Kentville and Sydney.

The Liberals spent a second day in Cape Breton Thursday, where McNeil announced a new \$8 million fund to revitalize tourism sites.

He said sites would be selected by Tourism Nova Scotia and the government would match funds from businesses and other levels of government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### ELECTION NOTES

Dope talk on the campaign trail

Premier Stephen McNeil says the Atlantic provinces should have a uniform approach to implementing the new federal law legalizing marijuana.

McNeil says the provinces haven't landed on an age limit yet, but he believes 19 seems like a logical age because it's the current limit for alcohol.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie says he's not entirely sure how to proceed yet, but believes age limits should be based on safety and science, and retailing should be done in some controlled way to keep young people safe.

# Crews working to repair Cabot Trail

One of Atlantic Canada's most stunning scenic roadways has been badly damaged by weather and is in need of major repairs weeks before a busy tourism season gets underway.

Days of heavy rain and snow melt off the Cape Breton highlands have eroded sections of the Cabot Trail, leaving extensive damage and washed out shoulders.

The roadway has reopened

to traffic but the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation says "in excess of 20 locations" reports of overland need work.

It says crews are working overtime to fix

the road, especially sections with sharp turns along steep ocean cliffs.

The Cabot Trail Relay Race, a two-day, 17-stage course that draws competitors from around the world, starts May 27.

A number of other secondary highways in the region were also washed out and two roads remain closed.

"We've had crews out around

the clock and working extended hours to assess the damage and get started on repairs," Transportation Department area manager Stephen MacDonald said Thursday.

"The Cabot Trail is our highest priority," he said. "It's a twistyturny road that goes up and down hills right along the coastline, so safety is a concern."

MacDonald said he hopes to have most of the repairs com-

pleted ahead of the relay race, which attracts 1,200 runners to the area.

Meanwhile, Sydney-area residents continue to keep

flooding of homes. vigil over their

basements.

There are no

Christina Lamey

Cape Breton Regional Municipality spokeswoman Christina Lamey said a week of steady rain has saturated the ground and water levels are high.

"Groundwater is impacting basements in some areas, she said by email. "There are no reports of overland flooding of homes or infrastructure though." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Taxi industry 'due' for review: Buffett

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Not all drivers are on board, association head says



The head of the Halifax Taxi As-

sociation says the taxi industry is due for a review, but not all drivers are open to change.

Dave Buffett agrees with the vote to review the taxi industry and feels it is the right time, but says there are already concerns from drivers. "It has been a while since someone took a look at the taxi industry, and I think it's due."

Earlier this week, council voted for a review and study into implementing new technologies into taxis such as cameras and GPS systems.

As part of the committee behind the recommendations to review the industry, Buffett thinks looking into new technology in cabs is a great idea.

"With the exception of shields, I think they are good ideas," he said. "A lot of drivers are resistant to cameras, but with a camera I cannot be falsely accused of inappropriate comments or activity. So I think cameras are

a great idea, same with GPS."

Although he supports the review and potential changes, a lot of drivers are not open to them, and have voiced some concerns of privacy when not working.

"Unlike bigger cities, we use our cars for personal use when we aren't working," he said. "There has already been some complaints from people saying, 'I don't want anyone to know where I'm at when I'm not working."



Many taxi drivers are resistant to cameras in their cabs, citing privacy concerns when not on the job. NICK HUBLEY/FOR METRO

# Public input sought for green network



Haley Ryan Metro Halifax

Those looking to help shape how the municipality protects our green spaces have multiple chances to weigh in on a plan.

According to a HRM release, city staff are getting close to the final phase of the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP), and residents are invited to share their thoughts at seven upcoming public meetings.

The public meetings will be held at the following places:

- May 15, 6 to 8 p.m. at the NSCC Waterfront Campus (Presentation Theatre), 80 Mawiomi Place, Dartmouth
- May 16, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Atlantica Hotel Halifax (Guild Hall), 1980 Robie St., Halifax
- May 17, 6 to 8 p.m. at Ecole Secondaire du Sommet (Auditorium), 500 Larry Uteck Boulevard, Halifax
- May 31, 7 to 9 p.m. at Sir John A. MacDonald High School, 31 Scholars Rd., Upper Tantallon

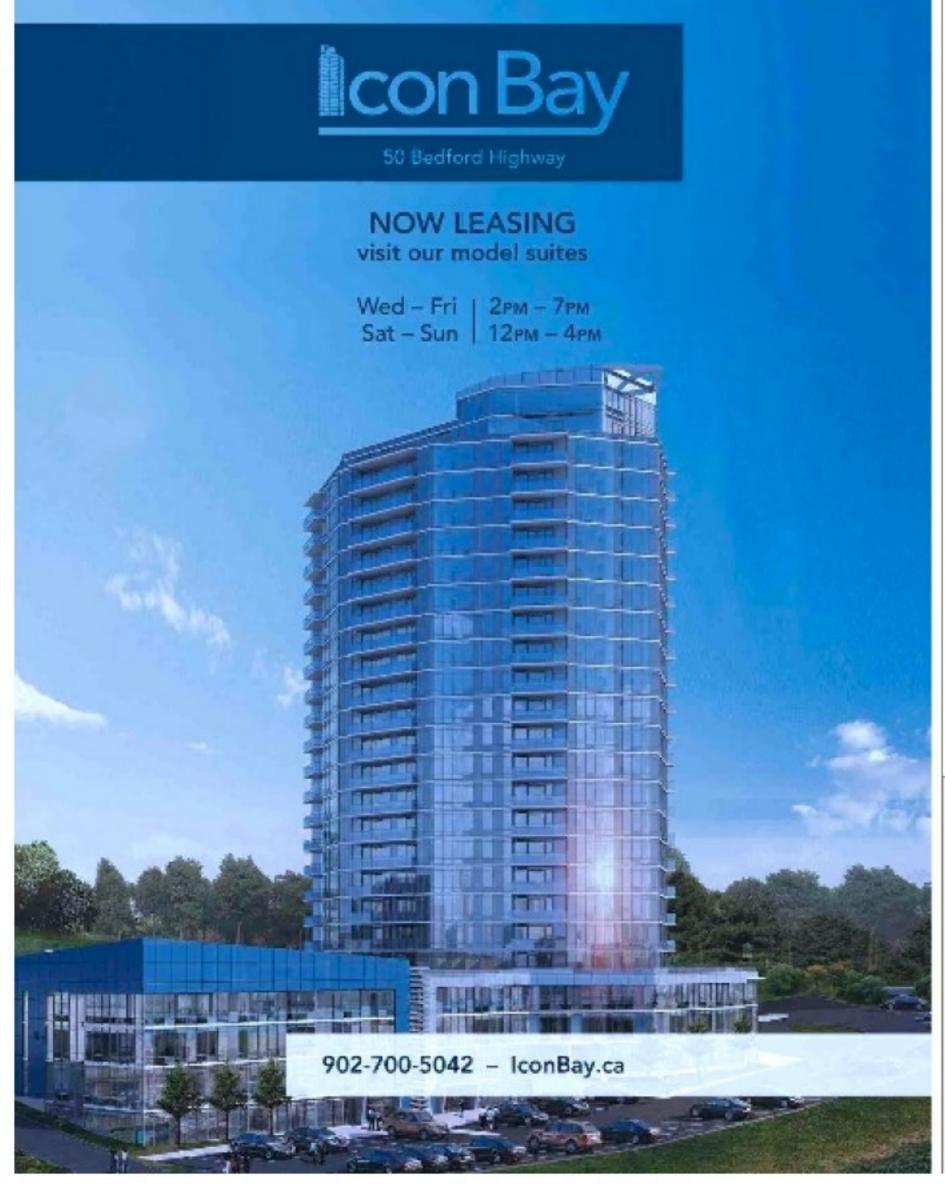
- June 7, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre & Cultural Centre, 12390 Hwy. 224, Middle Musquodoboit
- June 8, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sheet Harbour Lions Club, 183 Pool Rd., Sheet Harbour
- June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Old School Community Gathering Place, 7962 Highway #7, Musquodoboit Harbour

Each session will begin with a presentation, followed by key findings and proposed broadscale planning directions, then people can ask questions and give feedback.

Halifax's open space landscape is "exceptional in its beauty and diversity," as well as its environmental, sociocultural and economic value. the release said.



For more information on the Halifax Green Network Plan, please visit halifax.ca/ HalifaxGreenNetwork





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As the Nova Scotia Craft Beer Week begins to taper off, prepare to send it off with one final hurrah as the Full House Craft Beer Fest comes to the Halifax Forum on Friday and Saturday. The flagship event for Craft Beer Week will give beer fest-goers a chance to sample some of Nova Scotia's finest as it hosts the most N.S. craft brewers ever under one roof. Tickets start at \$35, and include 12 four-ounce samples, a takehome glass and access to 32 craft brewers. The festival has a session on Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and two sessions on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Alifax Record Fair

Vinyl collectors rejoice! The 13th annual Halifax Record Fair will be filling the Halifax Forum Maritime Hall on Saturday with more than 40 tables full of rare vinyls and bargain bin LPs. The fair starts at 10 a.m., and will run until 4 p.m. Admission for the day is \$5, and vendors can contact Rockwell Records or Black Buffalo Records for table reservations.

#### Halifax **Xplosion**

The Halifax Xplosion women's tackle football team is kicking off their first game of the season with an opening game on Saturday. The game will begin at 1 p.m. against the Saint John Storm at the Huskies Stadium at Saint Mary's University. Before the game, a small ceremony will be held in honour of former player Erin Saari, who was left a quadriplegic after a swimming accident. The team will be collecting donations for spinal cord injury research.

#### Jim Gaffigan

Food-obsessed funny man Jim Gaffigan is heading to Halifax to leave people laughing, crying and hungry. In support of his Noble Ape tour, Gaffigan is taking his show all over North America, with a stop at the Scotiabank Centre on Friday. After wrapping up production of The Jim Gaffigan Show and releasing his new standup special 'Cinco,' he is returning to the stage with a show he promises will be filled with only new material. The show will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

#### Slowcoaster

Cape Breton indie rockers Slowcoaster will be playing a triple bill show at the Carleton Music Bar with a few special guests on Friday. The trio will be sharing the stage with Toronto based pop rocker T. Thomason and local rock duo Cameron opening the show. Get there early, as these guys tend to sell out shows. Show time is at 10 p.m., and admission is \$15.



Vinyl collectors rejoice, as the 13th annual Halifax Record Fair offers up 40 tables of rare vinyls



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# Airport numbers are taking off

#### Halifax sees record cargo and passenger figures



New cargo and passenger records were set in 2016 as Halifax Stanfield International Airport reports strong financial and operational results.

The Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA) reported on its newly reached milestones and finances on Thursday.

"Last year was outstanding for Halifax Stanfield, as new passenger and cargo records were set," said Joyce Carter, HIAA president & CEO in a news release.

The HIAA had an increase in total revenue last year, with a total of \$97.4 million compared to 2015's \$91.7 million, citing record passenger numbers and growth in parking and concession revenues as factors.

This increase in revenue exceeded its expenses by \$3 million for last year, which will be invested back into airport operations and development as per the HIAA's mandate.

The airport authority reported a growth of 4.1 per cent in air cargo, and 5.6 per cent increase in passenger num-



New cargo and passenger records were set in 2016 at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

#### A YEAR IN COMPARISON

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- Expenses: \$92.3 million Passenger growth: 5.6
- per cent increase Air cargo growth: up 4.1 per cent (33,329 metric tonnes) - mostly live

- Revenue: \$91.7 million
- Expenses: \$89.1 million
- Passenger growth: 1.1 per cent increase

bers, serving up to 3,908,799 passengers last year and making it the busiest year in the airport's history.

It also joined the Airport Carbon Accreditation Program, becoming one of the eight Canadian airports to support managing and reducing its carbon footprint.

The HIAA also addressed the federal government's consideration of moving airports to a for-profit, private-enterprise model, stating it would not help increase levels of service and lower costs, or help eco-

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Toronto police chief Mark Saunders marches during the 2016 annual Pride parade in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Police will show Pride

#### Cape Breton's force to march in parade, others won't

Cape Breton Regional Police officers will walk in the community's Pride parade this year, police and parade organ-izers announced today.

Their joint statement says police and Pride Cape Breton have "fostered a strong, progressive working relationship," and that the police force has "absolutely zero tolerance for discrimination."

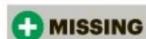
Pride Cape Breton's decision comes after other pride organizations throughout Canada asked police not to attend their annual parades.

Toronto Pride voted to remove police floats and uniformed officers from their parade earlier this year.

Halifax Regional Police announced they won't attend the city's event this year, while St. John's Pride confirmed that police are welcome.

This year's Cape Breton parade is scheduled for Aug. 5.

"We take our duty to protect very seriously, including and especially those in our soci-



Police not attending Pride parades this year include:

Toronto Police Service

Halifax Regional Police

ety who are sometimes marginalized because of narrow mindedness and uniformed thinking," Cape Breton Chief Peter McIsaac says in the joint

Patrick MacNeil, co-chair of Pride Cape Breton, says the decision was made in collaboration with members of marginalized groups including Black Lives Matter, the group that prompted the Toronto Pride edict.

"Pride Cape Breton Society has worked to hear both sides of the argument to remove police and uniforms from our festival," MacNeil says in the joint statement.

"Our hope is that during the 2017 Pride Festival, we can acknowledge the existence of discrimination and violence against minority groups while setting a precedent for inclusion and protection of all people."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pride Cape Breton Society has worked to hear both sides of the argument. Patrick MacNeil

#### New Brunswick rocks Ottawa over Twitter error

New Brunswick had to give Ottawa a geography lesson-Twitter-style — after a federal agency mistakenly put the famous Hopewell Rocks in Nova Scotia.

The "flower pot" rocks are one of the province's premier tourist destinations, and the official Tourism New Brunswick Twitter feed objected Wednesday when Statistics Canada's Twitter feed put them in Nova Scotia.

StatsCan tweeted: "How do

16.1 m

The height of the tides in the Bay of Fundy are 16.1 metres, the world's highest. This fact was in a tweet by Statistics Canada, accompanied by the wrong photo.

#oceans say hi? They wave. The Bay of Fundy, NS has the world's highest tide at 16.1m! #MotherOceanDay."

It was accompanied by a photo of the Hopewell Rocks, striking rock formations caused by erosion off Hopewell Cape, N.B.

Tourism New Brunswick offered a wry response: "We hate to be that province, but that there is Hopewell Rocks, New Brunswick. The other side of the Bay of Fundy."

It linked to a tourismnewbrunswick.ca page touting **DELETED** 

StatsCan appears to have since deleted the photo, but not the tweet suggesting the Bay of Fundy is entirely in Nova

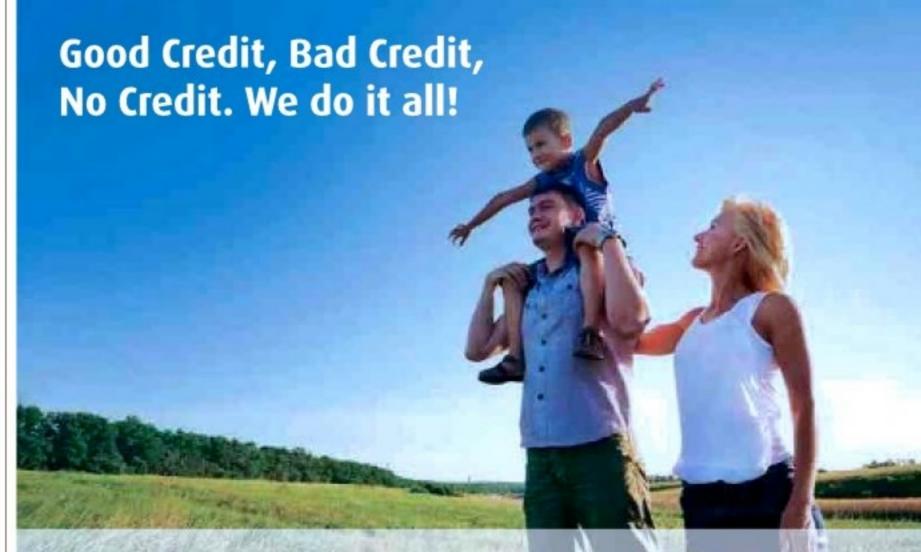
"the world's highest tides" in "New Brunswick's Bay of Fundy."

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# No medals for diversity

**UofT study** finds Games athletes are mostly white



Gilbert Ngabo Metro Toronto

Did you think you saw diversity when the likes of Simone Biles and Andre De Grasse were collecting medals in Rio?

Here's a shocker for you: Olympics are still so white.

That's according to a new research study from the University of Toronto, the findings of which were just published in the journal Public Health. It's the first ever comprehensive study to look at race representation in the games, on the individual athlete level.

While the charter governing both the summer and winter Olympics stipulates that everyone should be able to compete without facing discrimination, numbers from the two recent competitions



Canadian athletes made the country proud at last year's Olympics in Rio, but a new study has found the Games to be favouring white and wealthy athletes. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

suggest otherwise.

Researcher and physician for the 2014 Sochi Winter last year. Games and 2016 Rio Summer Games, with a specific focus on representations from Canada, U.S.A., Great Britain and

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athletes at the Sochi Olympics were white, while the number Winter Games (hockey, ski or David Lawrence analyzed data stood at 81.7 per cent in Rio ice dancing for example) are

> "The disproportional representation in the summer sports was surprising to me," said Lawrence, who teaches at UofT's faculty of kinesiology

derived from Euro-Centric cultures, but one would expect more diversity in the summer

Most sports selected for the

Disproportional representation in the summer sports was surprising. David Lawrence

about one-third of Olympic athletes are privately educated and trained, according to the

The Canadian Olympic Committee did not immediately respond to Metro's questions on what's being done to increase diversity.

Lawrence hopes his research will help inform policymakers in breaking barriers to sports participation and advancement. More funding to improve physical activity, recreational facilities and public programming in marginalized ethnic communities could be one of the solutions, but further research is needed, he said.

"I want to start an honest discussion about the value we Access to wealth is also an- place on Olympic sports, and other factor influencing rep- see if we can change someresentation at the games, as thing," he said.

Saddest dog needs new home



Andrew **Fifield** Metro | Toronto

The "world's saddest dog" is back in a shelter and workers say she has until May 20 to find yet another forever home.

Lana became world famous in 2015 when a photo of her looking horribly despondent in a shel-

ter kennel spread across the internet. The Labrador mix was returned to a Toronto shelter in

Lana. CONTRIBUTED July 2016.

nately, space is getting tight and Lana's history means she may end up being euthanized.

Rescue Dog Match, located in Cambridge, Ont., is trying to find a new home for Lana. A Facebook post says they are reviewing the latest batch of adoption applications.



Brace for storm of the

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and Gatineau MP Steve McKinnon look on as PM Justin Trudeau speaks to media after a tour of a flooded area of Gatineau, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

what we can do to rebuild better, to rebuild in ways that are going to be more resistant, more resilient to the unpredictability we are now living."

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Canada needs

more 'resilient,'

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

is sounding the alarm on the

frequency and intensity of nat-

ural disasters in Canada, which

have pushed Ottawa's bills for

federal help to \$360 million a

The numbers clearly suggest

a dramatic escalation in the fre-

lamities, a theme Trudeau echoed

Thursday after embarking on a

helicopter tour of flood-ravaged

"We're going to have to under-

stand that bracing for a hundred-

year storm is maybe going to hap-

pen every 10 years now or every

few years," the prime minister

said after his helicopter tour with

Quebec Premier Philippe Couil-

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Trudeau says

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale also said Canadians will have to get used to climate change-fuelled disasters, and lard. "That means as we look to quickly - including by planning buildings and communities homes, our infrastructures, we're to minimize the risk of damage going to have to think about in the first place.

"The objective should be, rather than expecting to spend so much after the fact cleaning up, we should look for all of those opportunities to invest in mitigation and adaptation before the fact so that the losses will be minimized," Goodale said.

recovery bill in the wake of 240 storms, fires, and spring floods.

Almost half of it -\$1.8 billion - was since 2010, says the March report, which does not include figures for at least 17 events that occurred since 2014 because they hadn't yet been designated as eligible for assistance. Fully onefifth of the eligible disasters took place between 2010 and 2014.

Rivers and lakes between Gatineau and Montreal are currently at 50-year peak levels, flooding more than 4,100 residences and forcing 3,000 people from their homes. Hundreds more are afalong the Ottawa River.

The Disaster Financial Assist- electoral system," said Ryan ance program ensures Ottawa pays for up to 90 per cent of the clean up and recovery from eligible natural disasters — and a review of the program last year shows costs have risen.

average annual payment under Since the Disaster Financial disaster financial assistance was Assistance Arrangements pro- \$10 million. Between 1996 and gram was launched in 1970, it 2010 it was \$110 million and has handed over \$4.1 billion to between 2011 and 2016 it was cused of releasing damaging the provinces to help foot the \$360 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canadian spies look for election 'vulnerabilities'

The Communications Secur- in support of rivals friendlier ity Establishment has begun a to the Kremlin. promised review into the risks of foreign interference in the 2019 election, Torstar has learned.

CSE, Canada's signals intelligence and cyberdefence agency, is conducting a "risk assessment" into how vulnerable Canadian elections are to foreign hacking and information operations.

The review was ordered by the Liberal government in February, as the scope of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election was being made public by American intelligence agencies. of Macron's team's documents.

"CSE has been asked to provide a threat assessment of the cyber threat environment as it relates to the Canadian demo- handily winning Sunday's eleccratic process, including the tion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE Foreman, a spokesman for CSE. The review is unlikely to focus

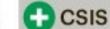
on the security of the actual vote,

which still relies on pens and

paper rather than electronic voting. The greater risk is likely the kind of information campaigns seen in the U.S. and the recent French presidential election. In both countries, Russianbacked hackers have been ac-

U.S. intelligence officials have publicly asserted that the information campaign was an explicit attempt to discredit Hillary Clinton and support President Don-

In France, newly-elected President Emmanuel Macron's team told the New York Times they experienced similar hacking attempts - but set up dummy email accounts with fake documents to confuse the hackers. A cache of nine gigabytes worth with mundane authentic documents mixed in with the fakes, did not prevent Macron from



PM Justin Trudeau says David Vigneault, a senior official with experience at several federal security agencies, will be the next nead of the Canadian Security Intelligence ervice. Vigneault will assume the post June 19





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# GOP freshman vilified over health-care vote

#### **UPSTATE NEW YORK**

#### 'He promised he would take care of us,' constituent says

The patrons at the cafe next door want him out. A rival congressman has "adopted" his district. And more than a half dozen Democrats are preparing to run against him.

On the job little more than four months, Republican Rep. John Faso is facing a political firestorm in his own upstate New York backyard that threatens to consume his first term in Congress just as it begins.

The cause? He is among 217
Republicans who voted last week
for a health-care bill that analysts say would cause 24 million
people to lose insurance over
the next decade, including tens
of thousands of people in his
rural district two hours north of
New York City. Worse, critics say,



Democratic Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, from a neighbouring district, addressed Republican Rep. John Faso's constituents for more than two hours after Faso failed to attend a town-hall style meeting to address health-care questions. GETTY IMAGES

the bill weakens protections for people with pre-existing conditions, even after Faso promised to safeguard coverage for such people in an emotional embrace — caught on video — with a seriously ill constituent.

"He hugged me and he promised he would take care of us," said Andrea Mitchell, a 35-yearold mother of two who has suffered multiple strokes and has a benign tumour in her brain.

"Whether or not he intended to lie and deceive his constituents, he did do that," she told The Associated Press this week. "I don't think there's any chance that Faso will be re-elected."

As a freshman in a swing dis-

trict, Faso was a top Democratic target even before the health-care fallout. He is now considered one of the most vulnerable Repub-

of the most vulnerable Republican incumbents in the nation as the GOP works to navigate the messy politics of an unpopular health-care plan 18 months before the midterm elections.

Faso defiantly defends his vote. In an interview, he dismissed key findings from the Congressional Budget Office predicting widespread health insurance losses and higher health-care costs for the elderly in some cases, along with overwhelming opposition from independent groups like the American Medical Association and AARP.

Like many of his Republican colleagues, Faso has largely avoided town hall-style meetings with constituents as the health-care debate rages across the country.

He attended a political fundraiser in Albany on Monday night instead of a health-care town hall in his district organized by Democrats that attracted several hundred people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### China's 'new Silk Road' in Kashmir stirs unease

In a mountain valley in Kashmir, plans are underway for Chinese engineers guarded by Pakistani forces to expand the lofty Karakoram Highway in a project that is stirring diplomatic friction with India.

The work is part of a sprawling Chinese initiative to build a "new Silk Road" of ports, railways and roads to expand trade in a vast arc of countries across Asia, Africa and Europe. The Asian Development Bank says the region, home to 60 per cent of the world's people, needs more than

\$26 trillion of such investment by 2030 to keep economies growing.

The initiative is in many ways natural for China, the world's biggest trader. But governments from Washington to Moscow to New Delhi worry Beijing also is trying to build its own political influence and erode theirs.

India is unhappy Chinese stateowned companies are working in the Pakistani-held part of Kashmir, the Himalayan region claimed by both sides. Indian leaders see that as endorsing Pakistani control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### GERMANY

# Merkel rejects calls to bring back conscription

Chancellor Angela Merkel is rejecting calls for the reintroduction of military conscription in response to an investigation of an alleged far-right plot by two soldiers to assassinate prominent political figures.

Merkel's government ended conscription in 2011. A prominent lawmaker in the chancellor's conservative party, Patrick Sensburg, has argued that conscription should be introduced because citizens in uniform are "a reliable early-warning system to recognize extremism of the left and right."

Merkel said Thursday Germany made a fundamental decision on conscription, "and we should conduct necessary reforms in continuity with this decision."

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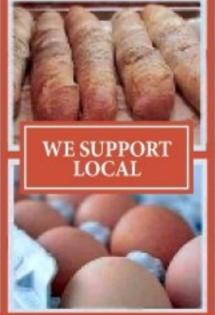
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# Trump concedes he lied about why he fired Comey

**POLITICS** 

#### **U.S.** president abandons his rationale for the decision

Over and over, for two days, U.S. President Donald Trump, Vice-President Mike Pence and the rest of their administration said Trump fired FBI director James Comey only at the recommendation of a senior official in the Department of Justice.

Trump conceded Thursday that they were all lying.

Abandoning his entire public rationale for the stunning decision on Tuesday, Trump told NBC anchor Lester Holt that he was planning to fire Comey even before he met with Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

"He's a showboat, he's a grandstander. The FBI has been in turmoil. You know that, I know that, everybody knows that," Trump told Holt in an interview.



U.S. President Donald Trump appears on NBC on Thursday. SCREENGRAB

His comments deepen the credibility crisis facing an administration that has made lying a habit. And they further call into question the democratic legitimacy of his decision to ter-In Trump's own letter to minate the man in charge of an investigation into whether his campaign associates colluded with Russian meddling in the

presidential election. The administration had implausibly insisted that Trump had grown dismayed about Comey's

unfair treatment of Hillary Clinton last year - that he was merely agreeing with the independent concerns Rosenstein expressed to him in a meeting on Monday and in a written memo.

Comey, he said he was "accepting" a recommendation from Rosenstein and Sessions. But Trump gave an entirely

different explanation to Holt. "I was going to fire Comey. My decision," he said. "It was not - I



Comey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

was going to fire Comey. There's no good time to do it, by the way."

In another remarkable revelation in the interview - for which there is no current proof Trump said he asked Comey directly to tell him, if "possible," whether he is under investigation. Comey, he said, told him he is not. Anonymous Comey associates have told U.S. media outlets that Comey never told Trump he was not being investigated. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### No probe interference tolerated: Acting FBI chief

On the spot as the FBI's new acting director, Andrew Mc-Cabe assured senators Thursday he will alert them to any effort to interfere with the investigation into Russia's election meddling and possible ties with President Donald Trump's campaign.

Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey on Tuesday has led Democrats and others to raise concerns about the future of the investigation. But McCabe, speaking publicly for the first time since his former

boss' ouster, said there has been "no effort to impede our investigation."

"You cannot stop the men and women of the FBI from doing the right thing," he said. He also said he would not inform the White House about developments in the probe.

Days before he was fired, Comey requested more resources to pursue his investigation, U.S. officials said, fueling concerns that Trump was trying to undermine the probe.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **Executive order targets** claims of voter fraud

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Thursday launching a commission to review alleged voter fraud and voter suppression, building upon his unsubstantiated claims that millions of people voted illegally in 2016.

The White House said the president's "Advisory Commission on Election Integrity" would examine allegations of improper voting and fraudulent voter registration in states and across the nation. The commission will report back to Trump by 2018.

Trump has alleged, without evidence, that 3 million to 5 million people voted illegally in his 2016 election against Democrat Hillary Clinton. He has vowed since the start of his administration to investigate voter fraud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Five things about Aeroplan, Air Canada

### **Airline parting** ways with loyalty plan

Air Canada announced it plans to start an in-house loyalty program in 2020 and not renew its contract with Aimia Inc., which runs Aeroplan.

Here's what that means for Aeroplan members earning

rewards for flying Air Canada:

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### **Bombardier chief** stepping aside

Pierre Beaudoin, whose family controls Bombardier through multiple-voting shares, is relinquishing his role as executive chairman, the plane and train maker said Thursday.

Beaudoin will step down as of June 30 but remain non-executive chairman of the board of directors, Bombardier said. Alain Bellemare, who replaced Beaudoin as CEO in 2015, will remain in place as chief executive officer.

The change followed a build-

ing torrent of shareholder dissatisfaction over the company's executive leadership.

Five of Canada's largest pension fund managers along with several large American institutional investors said they didn't support the re-election of Beaudoin. They also opposed Bombardier's executive compensation plan and withdrew support for several director nominees, though all of them were elected to the board.

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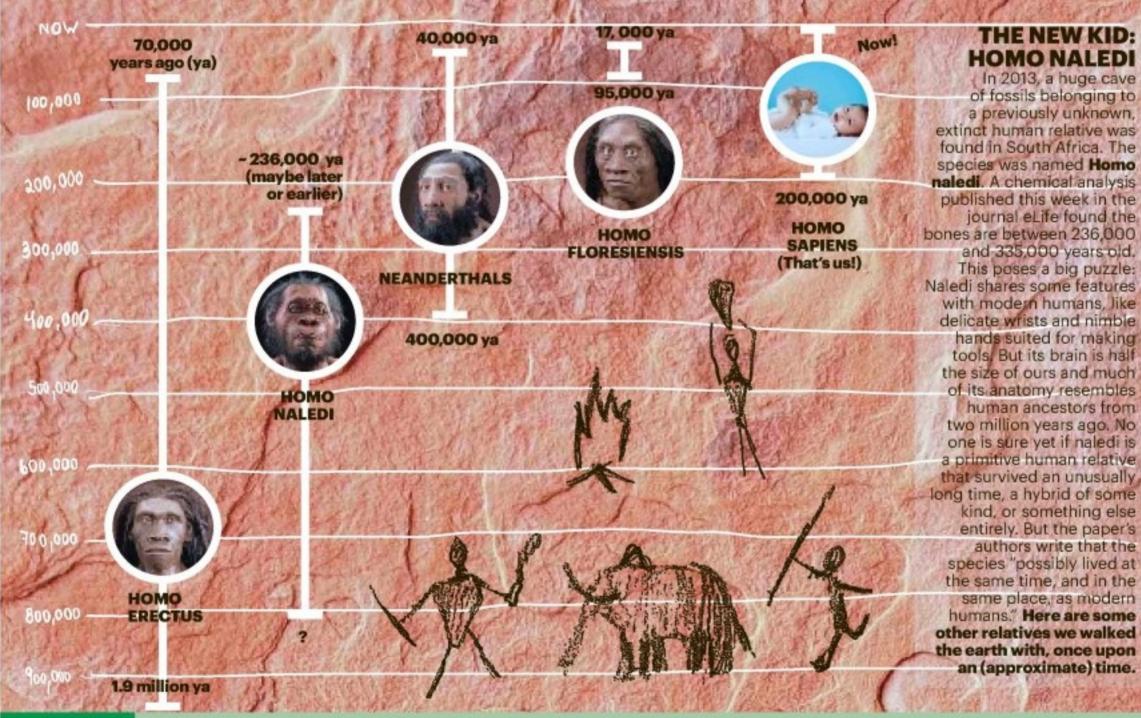
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## THE FANTASTIC HUMAN FAMILY

The "March of Progress" image, where the knuckle-dragging ape transitions to upright modern man, doesn't tell the whole story. For much of our species' history, Homo sapiens co-existed with other close relatives in the genus Homo. Like us, they were tool-makers, fire-controllers, maybe even storytellers. But they weren't us, exactly. And now our family tree has a new branch.



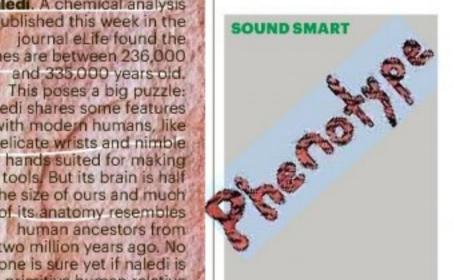
**FINDINGS** 

Your week in science



#### HAIR-RACING SCHEME

Researchers in France are taking motorsport down a notch. Last month, six teams of nanotechnologists built race cars the size of a single molecule and went head-tohead on top of a head. Well, on a track smaller than the width of a human hair.



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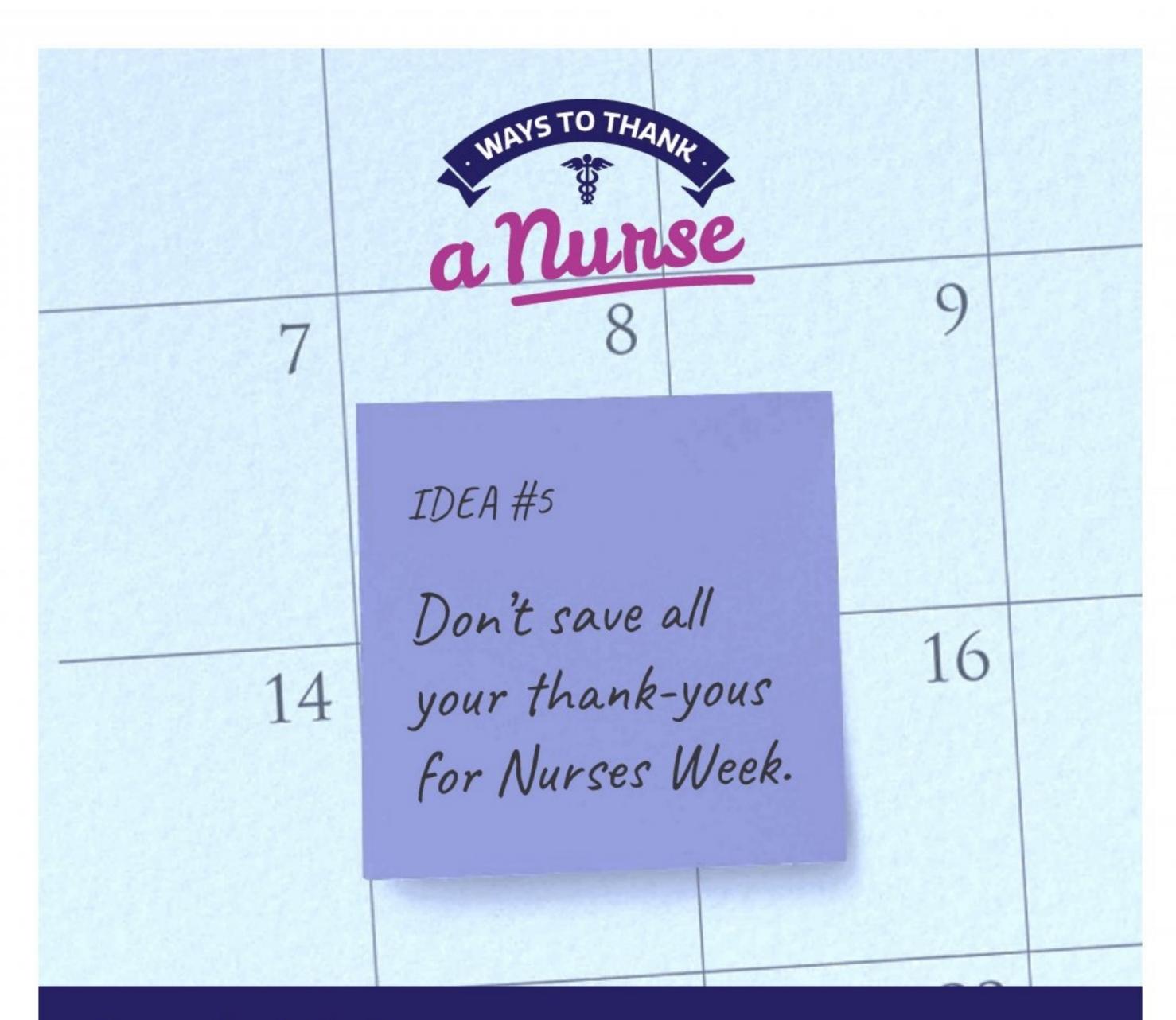


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# Taming the dog and pony show

IN FOCUS

On media duty, King Arthur's main men are sharp as swords

Richard Crouse For Metro Canada

Guy Ritchie's films have entertained me for years but I'm afraid he didn't find me very

interesting. The incident happened during my press day with Ritchie and Charlie Hunnam, the director and star of King Arthur: Legend of the Sword. I first spoke with them for television. Hunnam answered my opening question about the film Excalibur, a precursor to their movie, enthusiastically. But I could feel Ritchie disengage. He sat back and went into autopilot, answering my questions by rote. The rest of the interview flew by in a flurry of quips and tossed off answers.

Half-an-hour later I sat with them again to do a longer interview for print.

"I'm glad we can make amends," said Hunnam as I came in the room. "It seemed like you wanted to have a prop-



Charlie Hunnam (right) is the yang to his King Arthur director Guy Ritchie's yin — when it comes to promotional work. CONTRIBUTED

er conversation and we were having a bit of a jolly up."

The whole experience was an example of the yin and yang of movie promotion. The yin was Ritchie, an intense man who refers to the walking a red carpet as "a dog and pony show" before adding that's not what he's here for.

The yang is Hunnam, an engaging actor who said, "We don't make these things to live on in obscurity, we make them with the hope that people will see them and this is one of the ways we can help manifest that."

The duo have been all over the world talking to media people with perfectly coiffed hair and big smiles, answering the same questions on repeat. By the time I get them there's nothing new to ask about their update of the Arthurian legend. But there is an unspoken contract between my interview subjects and me.

Whether it's for television or for the paper you hold in your hands, the deal is the same. They say something interesting and I report it. They get publicity and I get a story that my audience will hopefully enjoy.

As Ritchie sat with his arms folded across his chest, I thought about our "contract"

#### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Snatched \*\*\*
King Arthur: Legend of the Sword \*\*
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and the difference between the two men.

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Despite his tabloid appeal
— for a time the British press
made a sport of reporting on
him — Ritchie strikes me as a
private person. He's more interested in what he'll be working on next than the film he
spent years making and has
now signed off on. Or perhaps
it's that, as a director, he's used
to being in control and in these
situations he has to cede power
to the interviewer.

"We both know why we're doing it," Ritchie says, "but the red carpet last night, I'll tell you, I felt soulless after that. After ten minutes get me off there because it takes me hours to recover."

Hunnam, the performer, is immediately warm and open. When Ritchie talks about losing patience on press days Hunnam jokes, "Guy Ritchie leaves the room and Johnny Nasty shows up."

Luckily, Johnny Nasty never

showed. By the end of our time together the ice broke, Ritchie's arms unfolded and he smiled. I'm not sure what happened other than he seemed to warm up to me when we talked generally about film and not specifically about King Arthur.

We traded stories, discussed King Arthur, an actor's connection to their director and not being imprisoned by fear. Maybe it was just me but for a moment it felt like we were talking over a beer in a bar and not fulfilling our respective contractual duties. It was, in his words, a little less of a dog and pony show.

"I feel more satisfied now,' said Hunnam as I left and another press person walked into the room to repeat the process. "I really felt bad after the [television] interview [with you]. I thought, 'Man, that's a serious cat and we really just f-ed around for four minutes.' I'm glad we got into some of the nitty-gritty."





Amy Schumer plays Emily, a naïve slacker, and Goldie Hawn plays Linda, a homebody cat lady, in Snatched. Hijinks ensue when the mother-daughter duo travel to Ecuador. CONTRIBUTED

#### REVIEW

#### Humour mostly held hostage by lazy screenplay

Peter Howell life@metronews.ca

Imagine the Hollywood pitch meeting where adventure comedy Snatched got the green

Filmmaker: "Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn, together at last! Two generations, two funny ladies! Goldie is ending her 15-year screen retirement for this!"

Studio suit: "But the script has them being kidnapped for ransom money in South America by very bad hombres! This actually happens to people! It's not funny!"

Filmmaker: "We'll surround

them with wacky actors like Wanda Sykes, Joan Cusack and Ike Barinholtz of The Mindy Project! It'll be great!"

Whether or not something like this actually occurred, Snatched is what we get. It follows the above template, except for the bit about being great, which it most certainly isn't.

The movie earns a few chuckles, but humour is largely held hostage by a lewd and lazy screenplay that wanders

#### O FUNNY BUSINESS

#### Schumer visits Judge Judy

Amy Schumer may not be giving up comedy for a legal career, yet she took a turn in Judge Judy's seat during a Tuesday visit to the set of the syndicated courtroom show.

Byrd also posted a clip to his Instagram calling Schumer "Her Funnyness." THE AS-SOCIATED PRESS

Petri Byrd.

thoughts of director Jonathan like Billy in The Family Circus. Evidently the studio felt Levine (50/50, The Wackness)

worried enough about Snatched that the decision was made to summarize the plot in a few lines of text right off the top, so people don't think anything really bad will occur in the next 90 minutes. We're left guessing the

pold (Spy, The Heat), because there's no discernible method to their madness. Schumer is Emily, a naïve

slacker who finds herself unattached, having been fired from her dead-end job and

and screenwriter Katie Dip-

In a video, Schumer sits

in the judge's chair and

takes papers from bailiff

dumped by her jerk of a boyfriend.

Problem: Emily and the jerk were about to go on vacation together to South America. The tickets are non-refund-

Solution: Travel with mom! Even though mom Linda (Hawn) is a homebody cat lady who considers foreign travel a ticket to trouble. She's almost as anti-social as Emily's pampered agoraphobic brother Jeffrey (Barinholtz).

After the usual bluster -"You don't do anything fun anymore!" — Emily and Linda find themselves sipping drinks and squabbling at a resort in Ecuador. They meet a zany pair of fellow travellers, played by Wanda Sykes and Joan Cusack, who are actually pretty funny together.

Emily and Linda also encounter the aforementioned bad hombres, led by the creepy Morgado (Oscar Jaenada), who considers them easy prey for a ransom scam.

Hijinks ensue, cautiously. Emily and Linda actually are in peril, from dangerous dudes and the encroaching jungle. Some blood is spilled.

Needless to say, Snatched isn't going to win any cultural sensitivity or tourism awards from South America.

But it also makes North Americans look bad, especially employees of the U.S. State Department, who couldn't care less about the plight of kidnapped Emily and Linda. Snatched isn't very funny, but at least it's broad-minded about its boorishness.

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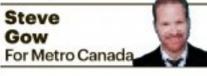
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# The hassle-free leading man

INTERVIEW

#### Why Brendan Gleeson is so sought after

Steve Gow



Brendan Gleeson doesn't have the hassles of most Hollywood leading men. Bulky, gruff-looking and beaming a thick Irish brogue, the acclaimed thespian rarely even gets approached in public.

"The Harry Potter thing was just such a huge thing I suppose," admitted the man behind the fantasy franchises' Mad-Eye Moody. "But luckily enough, I was in enough getup that people don't recognize me immediately."

Gleeson hasn't just averted the public's attention through prosthetics and extensive make-up however.

After starring in over 50 movies as everything from a Newfoundland fisherman to Winston Churchill, the versatile artist has disappeared

into so many roles that he's become one of cinema's most sought-after character actors.

"I have to be honest with you, I bore myself," admitted Gleeson about his extensive range of characters. "I'm 25 years doing it so I'm sure I'm repeating myself (but) I love variety, I like the difference and finding out things. I like to be confronted with stuff I don't already know."

For his latest project, Gleeson certainly learned a lot about a slice of history previously unknown to him. After all, Alone in Berlin cast the renowned actor as a German factory worker who covertly became a Nazi protester after the death of his son in the Second World War.

"I do think that World War II is a place that would benefit from being muddied up a little bit in the sense that not everybody was a hero or a villain," explained Gleeson of the moral drama about a remarkable real-life couple that opposed Nazism by placing propagandist postcards around Berlin opposing Hitler.

While the couple's dissension may have had limited success in the history books, their futile struggle against the Nazi regime was not lost on Gleeson.

"I'm a great believer in the fact that given the chance, a human being wishes to be a decent one and the more we can look at somebody like the Quangels, it's an inspiration," said Gleeson about the film's fictional version of Otto and Elise Hampel.

"The apparent ineffectiveness of the protest, I think that's a bigger statement because it means that they were adhering to what was best of themselves."

It wasn't just the Hampels' tale that appealed to Gleeson

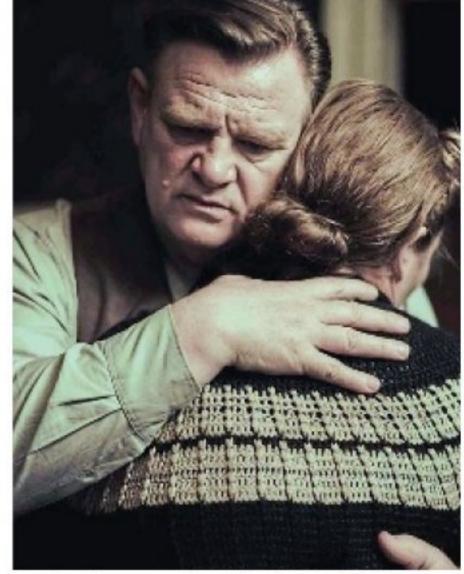
After a quarter of a century of moviemaking, the 62-yearold talent is also beginning to feel a personal responsibility to relate stories of the past to younger generations.

Gleeson himself has four sons, two of whom have followed his career path. Eldest son Domhnall has reeled off a string of strong performances in major hits including The Revenant, The Force Awakens and Brooklyn.

"I'm not sure their world will be different from that world for too much longer the way things are going," laughs Gleeson of the next generation.

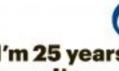
"(But in) World War II, there's a certain innocence in terms of the goodies and the baddies that allows us to watch heroism without having to feel like we have to second guess it.

"Wars now are so complicated in terms of the right and the wrong that it's very difficult to find unsullied heroism."



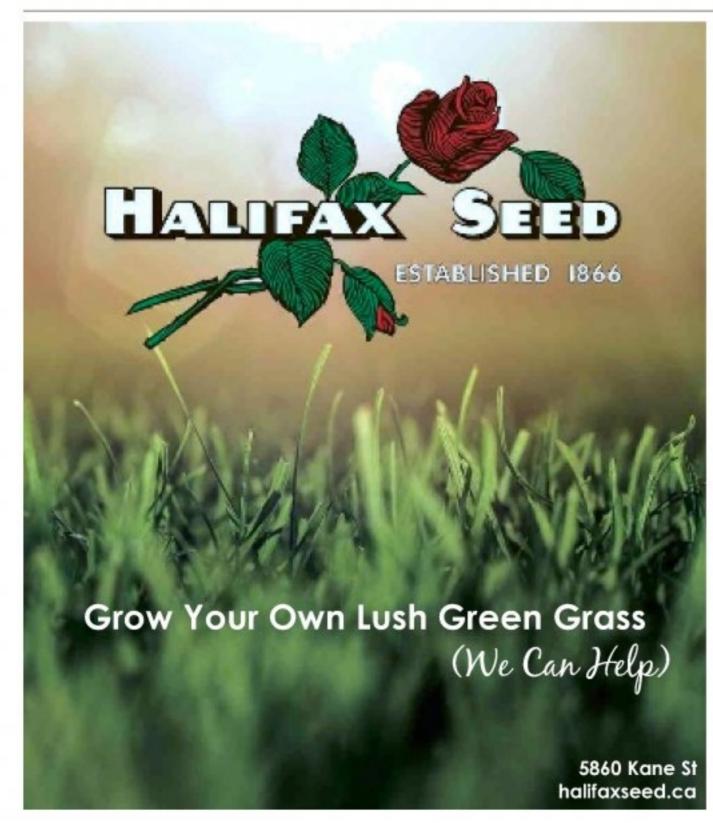
Brendan Gleeson sees plenty of modern parallels in his new World War II drama Alone in Berlin, CONTRIBUTED



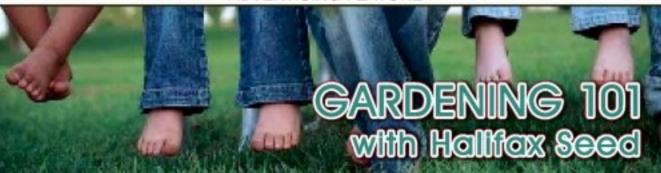


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**Brendan Gleeson** 



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# Pandora arrives in Florida

ATTRACTION

#### Remember the movie Avatar? Disney sure hopes you do

You may not have thought much about the 2009 movie Avatar over the past eight years, but Disney sure has.

The Magic Kingdom is wagering a reported half-billion dollars that you and zillions of other people will line up for new theme park attractions based on the movie's bioluminescent world of Pandora.

It's a major gamble, even by Disney standards. While the movie smashed box-office records thanks to its dazzling 3D effects and higher 3D ticket prices, it's also left little but a fading echo in pop-culture consciousness.

"I've never seen anybody ever walking down street wearing an Avatar t-shirt," says Martin Lewison, a theme park expert and business management professor at Farmingdale State College in New York. "There's no real emotional connection with Avatar among the public despite the movie being so popular."

#### Cultural plunder

But theme parks are big business, and Disney is counting on what its executives call Avatar Land (the official name is Pandora: World of Avatar) to help keep that engine humming.

In the fiscal year that ended in October, parks and resorts



Director James Cameron has been promising sequels since the original premiered. Release dates for four have been pushed back again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

accounted for 31 per cent of Disney's nearly \$56 billion U.S. in revenue, though only 21 per cent of its nearly \$16 billion U.S. in operating profit.

Disney also wants to prove it can turn its newer cultural properties, which include Star Wars and the Marvel superhero franchise, into popular themepark attractions.

In that, it's basically playing catch-up with rival Universal Studios, which launched a hugely successful Harry Potter theme park in 2010.

Now the big question is whether Disney can pull that off with Avatar Land, or if it's just chasing unobtainium. (Yes, that's an Avatar reference. See?)

#### Odd property

James Cameron, the mercurial director famous for Titanic and several other blockbusters, has been promising Avatar sequels almost since the original premiered. One had been in development since 2010. Disney licensed the park rights in 2011, when a sequel didn't seem that far off.

Little did Disney know. In 2013, Cameron announced his intention to film three followon films simultaneously, for release starting in 2016. But the date was pushed back until 2017, then 2018. In March, Cameron said 2018 was "not happening." In April, he announced the start of production

on four sequels now scheduled to roll out from 2020 to 2025.

That left Disney to plunge ahead on its own with Avatar Land, which opens May 27 at Disney's Animal Kingdom theme park in Florida. If all goes well, the park "will promote the films and the new films will of course circle back and promote the land," Lewison says.

#### **Beating Harry Potter**

One big reason the Walt Disney Co. has pushed ahead with Avatar Land — not to mention Star Wars-themed attractions scheduled to open in 2019 - is the rising threat posed by Universal's The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

In 2015, about 138 million people visited Walt Disney Attractions, up nearly three per cent from the prior year. Universal Parks and Resorts saw less than a third as many visitors — 45 million — but that figure was up nearly 12 per cent, according to the trade group Theme Entertainment Association.

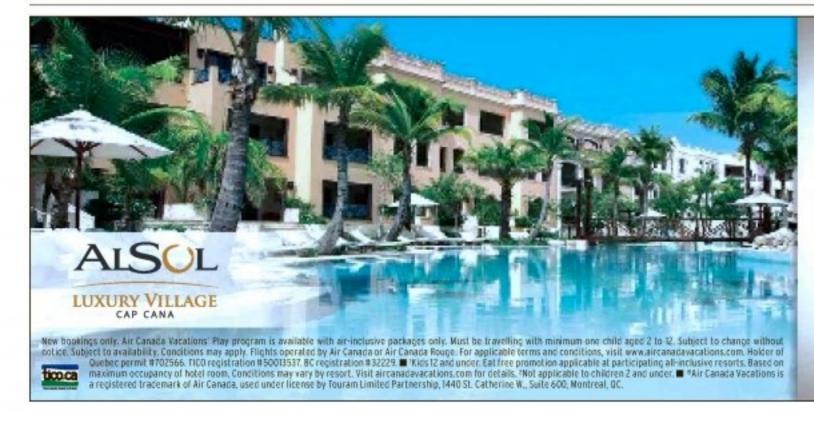
"What Harry Potter did was to become a big public success and financial one as well," says John Gerner, managing director of theme park consulting firm Leisure Business Advisors. "It really set a new bar for our industry."

Of course, Avatar is a very different brand than Harry Potter, which has launched nine feature films to date, including an entirely new series whose second installment is due next year - well before the first Avatar sequel.

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Faced with a blockbuster that hardly left an impression, Disney is focussing on the landscape and wildlife of Pandora - rather than characters - to sell the rides. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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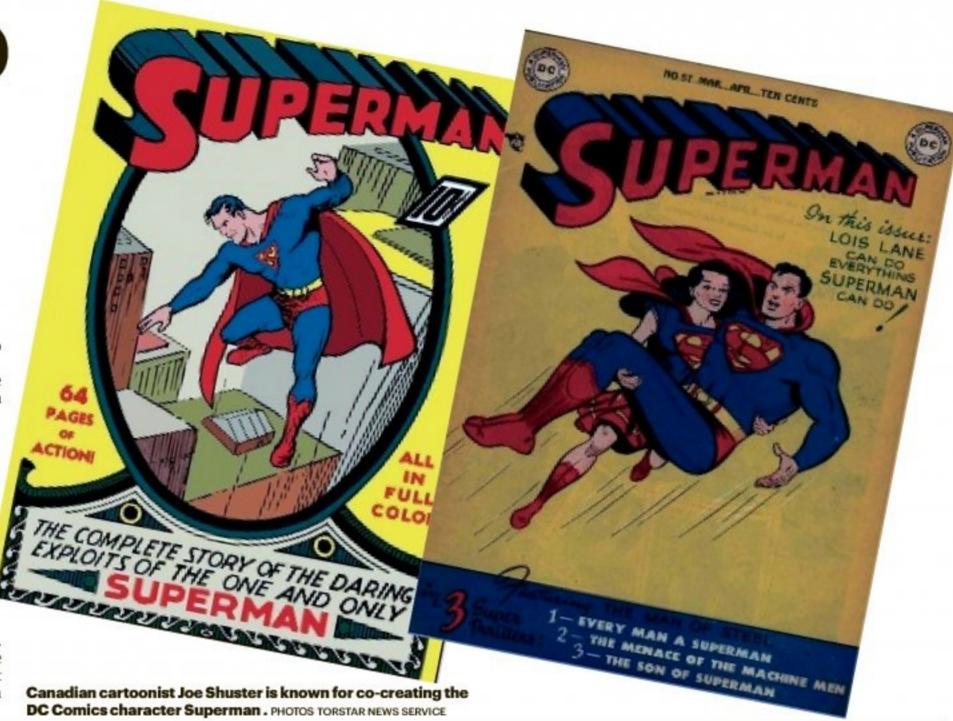
Superman may fight for truth, justice and the American way, but he was born to a Canadian.

Cartoonist Joe Shuster, the child of Dutch and Ukrainian parents and the cousin of Frank Shuster — one half of the Canadian comedy duo Wayne and Shuster — was born and spent his first decade in Toronto.

It was there that he developed his artistic skills, drawing on the backs of discarded wallpaper rolls (back when paper was expensive) and earning money as a newspaper boy for the Toronto Daily Star, later the Toronto Star.

He met writer and future collaborator Jerry Siegel in high school when both were 17 and living in Cleveland. The pair started working together and continued after graduation, coming up with what became Superman in the early '30s.

Shuster modeled the Metropolis cityscape after Toronto, while Clark Kent's newspaper, The Daily Planet, was originally named The Daily Star, after Shuster's old employer. Writer Mordecai Richler once called Superman "a perfect expression of the Canadian psyche."



# The true north

In practical terms, the top of the (habitable) world is Alert, Nunavut.

The military outpost is located on the northernmost tip of Ellesmere Island, which is just 807 km distant from the North Pole.

It was named after the HMS Alert, a Royal Navy sloop that was the first ship to make it to the top of Ellesmere Island, in 1875. Darkness and daylight each last five months, with a month of normal days and nights in between. SEAN PLUMMER



Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Major General Glynne Hines and Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor in Alert, Nunavut.

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### A park bigger than Switzerland



It was created by Parks Canada in 1922 to protect the north's largest remaining herd of roaming wood bison.

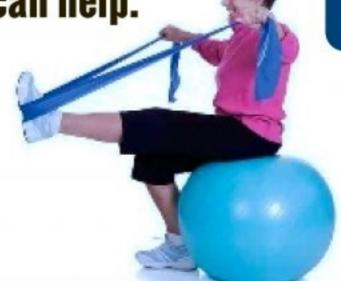
Today Wood Buffalo National Park, which straddles the border between Northern Alberta and the southern Northwest Territories, protects a large swath of the Northern Boreal Plains. How large, you ask? It is Canada's biggest national park, taking up more land than all of Switzerland.

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# Methot ready to move on

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#### Sens D-man focused on Cup, not revenge on Penguins star

Retaliation is not on Marc Methot's mind as the Ottawa Senators prepare to take on Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins in the NHL Eastern Conference final.

Methot suffered a badly lacerated pinky finger when Crosby, who was not assessed a penalty on the play, slashed the Senators defenceman's left hand in a March 23 game. The injury forced Methot to miss the last nine games of the regular season and one playoff game, but he said he's worried about bigger things than getting even with the Penguins star.

"I think for me, all that's behind me and I'm just focused on the series and focused on the Penguins and that's going to

be the goal for me moving forward," Methot said Thursday. "I'm just going to play him hard like every other guy on that team and focus on winning."

The Senators eliminated the New York Rangers in six games in the Eastern Conference semifinals, advancing to the third round for the first time since 2007 and the third time in franchise history.

This series, beginning Saturday night in Pittsburgh, is the fifth between the teams. Ot-



the series and Marc Methot and Sidney focused on the Crosby have history heading Penguins and into the East final. GETTY IMAGES

tawa won the first but the Penguins have won the past three, most recently a 4-1 victory in the lockoutshortened 2012-13 season.

Once again the Senators will be con-

sidered the underdog, but it's a role they've relished this postseason in series wins over the Boston Bruins and the Rangers.

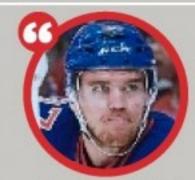
"No one's picking us again, for sure, but at the end of the day though you still have to win four games and it's hard to do," said forward Clarke MacArthur. "Whether you've got the upper hand or not it's just really tough to get the four games so there's always a chance."

Through the first two rounds the Senators often frustrated opponents with their play through the neutral zone and know they will need to adhere to Guy Boucher's system if they hope to beat the Penguins.

"It's not one of those series where you can expect to just maybe overpower them or try to go out of your way to be physical, because I think that's where they thrive and they expose teams," Methot said. "When you try to run them out of the building they just seem to keep clawing back and expose guys and when you're getting a little tired out there, it just takes a nice little play and they've got a goal. For us our structure is more important than ever."

The Senators will also need to find a way to deal with Crosby, who has an impact every time these teams meet. The Penguins captain has 14 goals and 19 assists in 20 playoff games against Ottawa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF



# Any team that has won ... they start with a disappointment and we've done that.

Connor McDavid whose Oilers bowed out with a 2-1 loss in Anaheim on Wednesday night.

#### Vlasic helps get Canada out of pickle at hockey worlds

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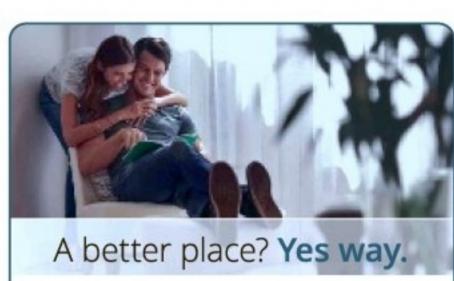
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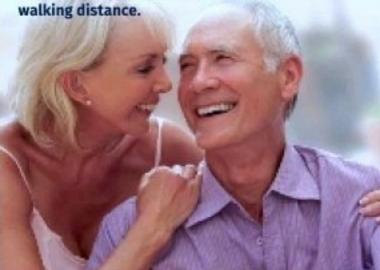
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- · 4 tbsp almond milk
- · 2 cups spelt flour
- · 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- · 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- · 1/4 cup unsweetened flaked coconut

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350 and grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.
- 2. Set aside. Cream butter and sugar with a hand blender or stand mixer. Add one egg. Mix in mashed bananas and almond milk.



- 3. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture in stages to butter mix incorporated after each addition. Fold in the chips, coconut and almond slivers. Pour into prepared baking pan; tapping pan down to make sure it's evenly distributed.
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15. Get set, for short 16. "There \_\_\_ many people!" (It's so crowded!) 17. Bre-X, basically: 3 wds. 20. Latin hymn: "Dies\_" 21. Ms. Russell of "Felicity" 22. "\_\_ Miracle" by Culture Club

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63. Rockefeller Center muralist

#### 64. Olive of cartoons 65. Kiosks 66. Cupid's ancient Greek counterpart 67. OR on-callers

#### DOWN

1. Techie-sounding prefix 2. Pet bat on "The Munsters' 3. Orange Pekoe brand: 2 wds. 4. Music pace in 60 seconds [acronym] 5. Mr. Estrada's

6. Principles 7. Space-saving access in a multi-level condo: 2 wds. 8. Identify 9. Rover's response! 10. Prosper \_\_ (19th-century French writer) 11. Les \_-Unis (USA)

John Philip \_ (b.1854 - d.1932) 13. NBC's morning show 18. Mr. Bigalow, Male Gigolo 19. Workday hours, \_five 24. Modern: German 25. Collects, as crops 26. Li'l norm 27. Swedish car 28. Knit one \_ two... 31. Convened for a meeting once more 33. Kim of Canadian trio Shaye 34. 2002-debuting coin 35. Mr. Knight's 38. Skincare formulas 41. Gourmet's parsley 42. Mattel guy 44. 7th Greek letter 45. Ricochet shot in billiards 47. Penn & \_ (Magic act) 49. Borders 50. Robert of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" (1939) 51. "There you are!" 52. FOX News host, Judge Jeanine 56. Space travel distance, for short: 2 wds. 57. Salts, in Sherbrooke 59. 'Arbor' suffix 60. Beatles drummer's initials-sharers 61, Abbr. aliens

#### \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 You are so enthusiastic that you can sell anything to anyone today - your words are like gold! This is a great day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act, write or drive for a living.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 There's money in them thar hills! Oh yes, your enthusiasm will attract money to you today. You will do well in all financial negotiations. Ka-ching!

II Gemini May 22 - June 21 You can take it to the bank today, because you are powerful. No matter what you do, you will come out smelling like a rose. Use this strong energy for creating good in the world around you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 You appreciate the behind-thescenes support you get from others at this time. Something good and beneficial will come from this. Look for ways to make this happen.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Your ability to deal with others today, especially in groups, is stellar! Today you are a natural leader, which is why everyone will take their cue from you. Ah, maestro!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Today your ambition is aroused. You will act with skillful means, which is why this is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. You look like a winner!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 This is a fast-paced day full of detours and exciting changes! Even your mind is full of quickly changing thoughts and clever ideas.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Travel plans totally appeal to you today. This is the perfect day to discuss matters related to publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education.

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 You couldn't pick a better day to discuss inheritances and shared property because everyone probably will be fair; nevertheless, you are in a winning position. Oh. yes! Do something.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 You will be extremely productive at work today. You have great energy and wonderful intuition about how to use it to get the most bang for your buck. You also feel healthy and vigorous!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 This is the perfect day for a vacation. It's also a great day to schmooze with your friends and enjoy social outings, sports events and playful activities with children.

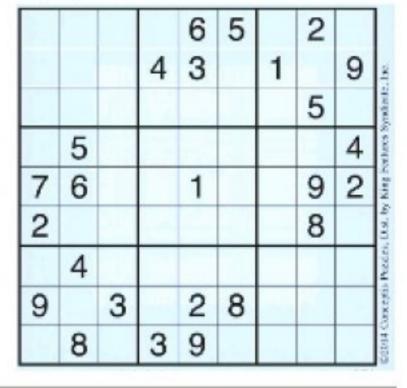
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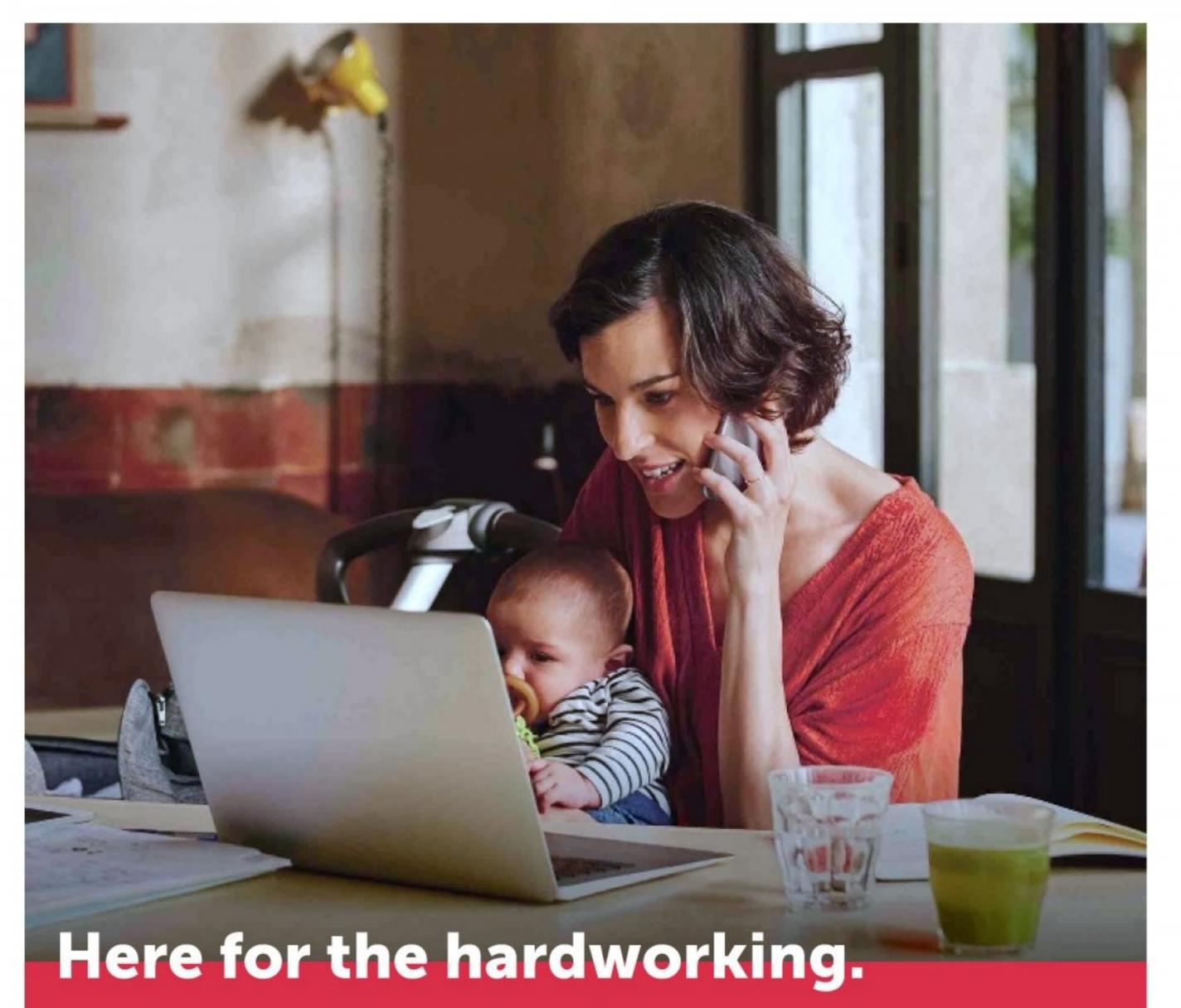


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